



Portage Northern Soccer Boosters

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- I. Oct 8, 2008 Minutes - approved
- II. Financial Report - Judy Hayes - Reported on \$ in booster account. Still need to pay Fetzer for the banquet. Other major costs are the bathroom payment and asst coaches in spring. Judy gave a recap of the season expenditures. Discussion ensued about the banquet expenses and how difficult it is to have an accurate accounting due to many (wonderful) helpers and some not turning in receipts. In future we would like to have the banquet chair keep track of the budget and turn all receipts in together to the treasurer. Motion to increase the banquet budget. Passed. Andy talked about going into the new cafeteria once construction is completed. It will be set up better for banquets and that will bring the cost down.
- III. Administration Report - Chris Riker, Athletic Director - not in attendance.
- IV. Coaches' Comments - Andy Fuehr
 - A. Boys Season Recap - won division. Good year all together. 14 game unbeaten streak.
 - B. Game Ball Purchase Update - Andy ordered 5 more as directed at last booster mtg. Chris paid for first 5 and boosters paid for the next 5. Andy got them at a deal for \$65 per ball.
 - C. Girls soccer calendar, December - June. Mon Dec 8 at 3:00 will be the girls meeting. Check the website for the dates which will be posted soon. Banquet should be week of June 15th. March 16 is first girls team mtg and booster date.
 - D. WMU Team Camp Organizer - Andy is not allowed to do this. Thanks to Kristen Kay for working on organizing the Individual training at WMU. Judy will check with Kristen and if she doesn't want to do the team camp also, Judy will do it.
 - E. United Booster Poker volunteers - Thanks for Larry McClish who signed up (bball and soccer daughter, but we're counting him!).
 - F. Andy reported that Chris is confident that our complex will remain untouched, whether there is a road put in or not, which is being debated.
- V. Long Range Goals
 - A. Goal Post Padding - purchased and will go up next season.
 - B. Soccer backstop netting - need PO from Riker to spend PAF monies. Chris pays for all and then we give check for half. Jeff Hawkins is talking to Consumers, and they can't set posts. Best

time to do this is when the ground is frozen. Jeff is trying to get a hold of Bob Small. There are many parts to this project, and difficult to come up with one price, so we feel like this project is better for the boosters but without PAF monies. Margie will check pricing with a past contact, Severance Electric.

- C. Extend Windscreen along parking lot & north end - it was decided to move this to the bottom of the long range goal list.
- D. Sign Updates - Garnet - PN Boosters would like to approve a logo of a Huskie. Manchester United Huskie is the one option, also the NY Yankees PN. All are invited to submit possible PN Soccer logos for the boosters Feb meeting. The Huskie dog as you see on this document is the official Huskie, and needs to be in the logo. Andy will forward this invitation to submit a logo to the players. Garnet would like to get a list of club history for website and for the road sign. Al has '82-'89. There is also info on the plaque that Chris received when he retired from coaching.
- E. Crow's Nest - Garnet and Al - Cornerstone's estimate was given. Moved above windscreen in priority. We are thinking this is a better project to approach Chris with. Motion to proceed with the crows nest as our next project to be presented to Chris for consideration of PAF monies.
- F. Dug-outs - no discussion

VI. Fundraising

- A. Concession Stand - Reported income for this season. Feedback Garnet has gotten from other parents said that PN is the classiest field and concession and atmosphere (field and announcers) and it is the highlight of their season to play here. We can be proud of this as a booster organization.
- B. Basketball Concession duties for us:
 - a. Fri 12-19 (girls vs PC) / Tues 2-24 (boys vs Matt).
 - b. Shifts: 4-5:30, 5:30-7:30 and 7:30-**cleanup**
- C. Harding's card, Meijer rewards (Our code is 530394) - Meijer has brought in about \$100 per year with only 6 families participating. Please go on line to meijer.com and sign up if you use a Meijer credit card. This is an easy way to make \$\$ for the boosters!
- D. Banner Sales - 2 haven't paid yet. Margie will send reminder letters in Jan.
- E. Husky Pet Dishes - leftovers were passed from Garnet to Don for the women's season.

VII. Activities

- A. Web Site - Al Nemeth / Norm Jansen. The new spring page has the new Huskie head. Would like history info page on the website.
- B. Field Maintenance - seed next June? Al talked to the guy who does maintenance on our field and he has a problem with seeding due to Kingdom camp. He wants to do it, but will have to work around the camp. Andy is in dialogue with Chris about this, and Chris is confident that it will happen.

VIII. New Business

- A. Club logo for PN - submit entries to Garnet to be voted on at Feb meeting.
- B. New soccer families: problems with participation - usually about 4 families that don't show for jobs etc. We hope they catch the fever from Fr year. The banquet helps. We do need to talk about it at the beginning meeting. Perhaps we need a little stronger wording in the letter that goes out. For the guys, maybe meet in the media center or auditorium or PNM auditorium. Aug 14 is tough in the igloo where it is loud and hot for that meeting, so perhaps not all information is conveyed.
- C. Field Clean-up Day - Went well and the guys helped. Andy noted that the girls will be at the one in the spring also. Al talked to the guy who cuts the grass and he was very happy with our work putting mulch around the buildings along with the landscape timbers. There is about 1.5 yards mulch left of the 7 ordered. It is behind the buildings if we need to use it in the spring.
- D. Tent with 'Huskies' on it - waiting for the same logo that we vote on in Feb.
- E. Treasurer and President replacement - Don and Judy will be done at the end of this school year. We would like to get a treasurer from the Boy's team and Pres from the girl's team to keep our representation equal from the 2 teams.
- F. Intercom system: Al reported that it needs replacing due to lightening. Tom Weissert gave an estimate with him doing the labor. Motion to approve \$ for the new phone system for concession to announcer's booth with capacity for one more.

IX. Adjournment & Next Meeting: Feb 12th at 7:00, and also March 16 after the girls team meeting.

Action Items:

All:

- Sign up for Meijer rewards - we have earned \$100/year from this for NO WORK but only 6 families are signed up.
- submit possible PN Soccer logos for a vote on the official PN boosters logo at the Feb meeting. The Huskie dog as you see on this document is the official Huskie, and needs to be in the logo.
- Consider being treasurer (from men's team) or co-President (from women's team)

Judy

- Thanks to Kristen Kay for working on organizing the Individual training at WMU. Judy will check with Kristen and if she doesn't want to do the team camp also, Judy will do it.

Garnet & Al

- Move forward on the proposal to Chris for the video tower.

Margie

- March 16 is team mtg and booster date. Get the media center reserved.
- send email to Don on concession stuff
- Banner Sales - 2 haven't paid yet.
- send list of improvements for our field to Norm for.
- Margie check with Severance for 2 90 ft nets and 1 70 ft net 9 poles 30 ft tall - 25 above ground.

Don

- Concession workers organized - talk to Betsy Loza or Chris Riker for requirements.